

ASPIRE Partnership Grant Parameters

ASPIRE Grant funds must be used to support the salary and/or benefits of the site's ASPIRE Coordinator. Any cost savings generated as a result of the Grant may be used at the site's discretion, in accordance with its internal policies and procedures. Sites are required to submit a final report verifying that they used the funds to support the site coordinator's position. Any unused ASPIRE Grant funds may be carried over and used in future years.

Schools may use the cost savings to support their ASPIRE program and career and college readiness activities and services, including:

- Career and college readiness programming, including event supplies, hospitality, guest speaker honorariums, and workshop materials.
- Student field trips and college visits, including transportation, admission fees, and related expenses.
- Creating a career and college-going culture through signage, banners, pennants, displays, and other promotional materials.
- Student incentives that encourage participation in career and college readiness activities (including gift cards and other allowable incentives).
- Scholarships for students participating in ASPIRE.
- Mentor recruitment, background checks, training, recognition, and retention activities.
- Registration and travel for staff and mentors attending the ASPIRE Conference and other professional development related to career and college readiness.
- Equipment and technology that support the ASPIRE program, such as printers, computers, webcams, speakers, headphones, presentation equipment, and career exploration tools.
- Educational materials, curriculum, printing, and office supplies used to support ASPIRE programming.
- Furniture, wall décor, career and college readiness boards, organizational materials, and other essential items that support a functional, welcoming, and student-centered environment.
- Outreach and family engagement activities, including events, materials, and resources for students and families.
- Other reasonable expenses that directly support the implementation, operation, and sustainability of the ASPIRE program.